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From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies), R.f. No. E.126489/48 dated 25.9.1948.

The Board's report on the food situation in the Madras Province for the first fortnight of September 1948 at pages 3-5 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pages 6-22 c.f. may be perused.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:- The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in the South Kanara district, moderate in the districts of Krishna, Guntur, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tanjore, Malabar and the Nilgiris and in the City of Madras, fair in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Madura and Ramnad and light or nil in the other districts of the Province.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in the districts of Anantapur, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Coimbatore and Ramnad and in parts of the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, Cuddapah, Madura and Tirunelveli. Sowing has been suspended in the districts of Anantapur, South Arcot, North Arcot, and Ramnad and sowing or transplantation in parts of the Krishna, Guntur, Nellore and Madura districts for want of rain and water supply. Transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore a Tanjore and in parts of the districts of Vizagapatam, Bellary, Nellore, Tiruchirapalli, Malabar and the Nilgiris. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in West Godavari and Bellary districts. Water supply was inadequate in the districts of Vizagapatam, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, and Ramnad and in parts of the districts of East Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Bellary, Tanjore, Madura, and Tirunelveli.

The condition of standing crops was generally fair except in the Chingleput and North Arcot districts where it was poor and in parts of Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts where paddy crops were withering in some taluks and in parts of Cuddapah, Chittoor, Salem, Coimbatore and Madura districts where dry crops were failing for want of rains.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in Salem, Coimbatore, and Malabar districts, of cholam and cumbu in Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Ramnad districts and of ragi in the districts of Salem and the Nilgiris and in parts of Anantapur and South Arcot districts. The outturn of paddy was fair to normal and of cholam, cumbu and ragi/to normal.

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Supply and stock position:- The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 11.9.1948 when compared with the stock position on 4.9.1948.

Foodgrains.	Stocks on 4.9.48.	Stocks on 11.9.48
Rice.	2,41,534.	2,21,747.
Wheat.	13,944	12,806.
Maida.	2,686	2,57[illegible]
Maize.	15,821	12,576.
Other grains.	4,805.	6,252.

Rice:- The stocks in the districts of Chittoor, Ramnad

and Tirunelveli continued to be low. Arrangements have been made to move supplies to these districts expeditiously. The Government of India have intimated that the 1,000 tons of overseas rice allotted to this Province from the Central Reserve, Avadi, are in replacement of supplies made by this Province to the South Indian Railway employees in Travancore and Cochin. There is therefore no direct allotment of overseas rice for September 1948.

The following quantities were received in the fortnight:-

From Orissa.	3,058 tons.
From Eastern States.	222 tons.
	3,280 tons.

Millets and maize:- The stocks are generally low and inadequate in several districts. Quotas of milo were under transit to deficit areas during the fortnight.

Wheat and its products:- The Government of India have allotted 2,982 ½ bags of wheat out of 5,982 bags received as a gift from the National Catholic Welfare Relief Committee of America towards the allotment to this Province under the Basic Plan for 1948. There was no receipt of wheat products, during the fortnight.

Progress of procurement:- A quantity of 11,060 tons of rice procured during the fortnight ending 31.8.1948 in the surplus districts and the Nilgiris and Malabar districts as against 13,920 tons procured in the preceding fortnight. There was a sharp fall in procurement in the districts of West Godavari, Krishna and Nellore. There will soon be a harvest of Rasangi and Basangi rice crops in the districts of East and West Godavari, of Kuruvai rice in the Tanjore district and of Kanni crop in the Malabar district; the Collectors of these districts have been instructed to take effective steps for the speedy procurement of all the available surplus stocks.

Prices:- Statements relating to the prices of foodgrains. firewood, salt, edible oil seeds, oils and oilcakes may be perused at page 6-22 c.f.

The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Food), and Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) and His Excellency for perusal.

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